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For: ABSORBENT FOAM MATERIAL, A ) Appeal No.: 1  
METHOD OF PRODUCING IT AND AN )  
ABSORBENT STRUCTURE )  
CONTAINING SAID FOAM MATERIAL )

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Reply Brief for the above-identified patent application.

A Request for Oral Hearing is also enclosed.

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